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Sir:

In response to the election requirement in the Office Action of March 17, 2003, Applicants hereby elect without traverse the Embodiment 1, Figures 1A-1E. Claims 1-32 read on the elected species.

Examination on the merits is requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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